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1. In early October 1952 a branch railroad line from Kizil Khoto (approximately 94-04, 51-42), capital of Tannu Tuva, to the Trans-Siberian Railway had been completed.¹ The Chinese Communist Ministry of Railways had no complete information regarding the length and route of this branch line, but was aware that the use of the line would improve communications between Outer Mongolia and the Soviet Union and would aid in the development of the defense industry of Tannu Tuva.
2. In early October a first-class highway, wide enough to take four large trucks abreast, was completed from T'ewussut'e (3676/3527/2448/3676), on the border of Tannu Tuva, to T'ek'oniehssutun (3676/0344/Matthews 4694/2448/7319) in Outer Mongolia.² The highway crosses the Tannu Mountains (96- , 50-) which lie between the Soviet Union and the Mongolian People's Republic (MPR).
3. The opening of the Kizil Khoto branch railway to traffic will permit travelers

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to avoid Irkutsk when moving from the western part of the MPR to the USSR. Such travelers will use the highway connecting T'ewussut'e and T'ek'oniehssutun, and then the new branch rail line.

- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. A map dated 1943 indicates a railroad under construction from Kizil Khoto to Minusinsk and Abakan, via Turan, Usaskoye and Karatuz. At Abakan it would connect with a railroad line running to Achinsk.

- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. A report [REDACTED] reported a highway, the 25X1 southern extension of an automobile route from Minusinsk to Kizil Khoto, which crosses the Tannu Mountains at the Khamar-Daban Pass and continues to Samagaltay. The route as a whole was described as unsatisfactory for large-scale freight movement, with winter traffic difficult south of Kizil Khoto.

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